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#### **What is a refugee?**

A refugee is a person with a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, membership of a particular SOCIAL GROUP or POLITICAL OPINION, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to seek their help.

#### **Who is the group that sponsors the student and looks after their needs?**

The group is made up of university students who are involved with WUSC. It's open to anyone who wants to help and the group is responsible for ensuring the student's needs are met, i.e. living situation, emotional needs, orientation to the school and Canadian culture, etc. The group acts as a support base for the student during a very difficult adjustment period. The group signs a contract with WUSC Ottawa and the Government of Canada to undertake the private sponsorship of individual students.

#### **What's the legal status of the student when they arrive?**

Students sponsored through the SRP become permanent residents of Canada when they arrive. This means they can work, access health care, etc. This also means that they pay domestic tuition fees, not international fees! Sponsored Students also often apply to have family members join them and are allowed to apply for Canadian citizenship.

#### **What's the History of the Program?**

WUSC has a special arrangement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada because of its history. This is something that other programs do not have. This program is the only one of its kind because it offers both scholarship and resettlement. WUSC has coordinated this program of private sponsorship since 1978.

#### **SRP Timeline**

**1978:** First student refugee to come to Canada through WUSC. He was from Zambia and was sponsored at Carleton University.

**1981:** WUSC signed a Master Agreement with the Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration (CIC) to become a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH).

**1987:** WUSC signed a Sponsorship Agreement with the province of Quebec.

**2004:** 25th Anniversary to celebrate the fact that over 800 student refugees that have been sponsored by over 80 WUSC groups on university and college.

#### **SRP in Perspective...**

There are 19.2 million refugees and displaced persons in the world. These people have left everything they own and know to seek a better, safer life far away from their homes. Often, refugees spend many years in refugee camps or other displaced settlements where they may not have access to many things we consider essential: clean water, adequate food, health care. It is almost impossible to gain access to education.

**Estimated number of refugees in the world in 2005: 19.2 million**

**Number of refugees submitted to Canada: 32,600**

**Number of refugees who were privately sponsored through WUSC's SRP: 50**

Canada has three different avenues for granting permanent resident status to refugees. The first two avenues involve selection, screening and admission to Canada or refugees who are in a country of asylum, outside of Canada. There are the refugees who are privately sponsored under the auspices of an organization such as WUSC or a faith-based organization, or by family members. Then there are those who come to Canada under government sponsorship. Finally, the third avenue involves refugee claimants who come to a Canadian border and claim refugee status.

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Guests: Tom Mauro, Karen Bailey, Tony Boniferro, Mark Allard, Sean Meades, Cindie Elgie

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Mover- Jason Pino

Second- Ashleigh Sauve

**3. AUSU Co-op Student**

Jason---- Jason and Vanessa applied to a Grant from the NOHFC

- position will be from 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of September
- with Grant AUSU's cost will be \$ 3500
- Jason states that without the Grant it will not be feasible
- Co-op student position would be great even for Frosh Week (help with stuffing of bags and other things for orientation week)

Karen---- states that Jason would be the supervisor as it has been done in the past and it worked well

- as well should consider a co-op student for September- April
- it is really important that people know where the office as well as the members of AUSU so that there can be clear communication

Jason- if you do extend the co-op student from September – April they could even have them act as a chair at the meetings

**4. Tom Mauro and Tony Boniferro**

- SpeakEasy was opened June 2005- as the students needed a place for entertainment and for it to be a place that was available for students to use
- The relationship with AUSU is that the students pay for 50/50 salary split position created which is now fulfilled by Tony Boniferro – this is the first year of it being a granted position and it is a goal for it not to be a granted position next year
- 50/50 split of revenue- should see a profit once debt of Speak Easy has been taken care of
- last year lost \$21 000- so it is the goal of Tony and Tom to get more students at the Speakeasy
- Tom advocates – to try new things this year
- Will create a formal request of a budget
- To estimate the # of events that should happen to plan for an approximation of what will be spent

Jason- When will the budget come to us?

Tom - in the summer we will receive the budget in 2 parts

- all will be predetermined through the budget (how many large acts and smaller acts will be allotted)
  - Finalized acts and names will be determined by the end of the summer
- Tony – believes that it is time to make some changes to the things that are not working
- Will be attending COCA conference from June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Also in a association with Hitman productions- so that possibly through Hitman will be able to bring a large event to the Speakeasy at No Cost to AUSU
- Cindie- went to COCA conference – lots of workshops that are beneficial – recommends to send as many people as possible from AUSU
- goal is to gain a profile with the office
- Karen- Pick a couple of things to really focus your attention on in order to succeed

## **5. Health Plan**

- Karen- 6years ago there was a referendum for the CFS Health Plan
- only for full time students
  - Health Plan is an AUSU Plan
  - Promotion and ownership is needed
  - Biggest complaint – part time students and international students are not allowed to be apart of the plan
  - Difficult to communicate with the Health plan contact
  - Dental Plan was reduced from \$1000 to \$750
  - Karen has found 2 options to keep the cost of the health plan down
  - CFS(contact- Tom Rowls) supposed to have provided a reduction of the cost of the service yet it has increased 19.9%
  - Options :1) Cambell and Company
  - 2) Student Wise (Contact—Drew Martin)
  - if you pay into the plan- if you do not use all money- the left over money goes back to AUSU
  - have a card that can be used as a debit card and get reimbursed right away- so do not have to pay up front
  - 3) Schuster Boyd McDonald
  - need signature of authorization in order for them to get information and then present a price to AUSU
  - Make sure to have a Referendum – need a bi-election in order to search for a new plan
  - Some one needs to take the lead role on this issue- will be discussed next meeting
  - Vanessa has already filled out a sheet to get this started
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## **6. Discussion and Clubs**

- Jason – going to bring document of updates and changes to next meeting
- Karen- new club manual needs to be updated
- need a club day during Frosh Week/ the following week to promote all clubs (have tables and sign-up sheets)
  - need communication throughout the summer with all the clubs to ensure this will happen in the fall

## **7. Frosh Week-**

Karen- Playfair contract- AUSU pays for it but Student Services has already done so, they must be reimbursed for amount

- need to discuss kits/ events / and have contacts for events
- AUSU must be represented at next Frosh Week meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> in order to make sure AUSU is well represented

Jessica- show students where the AUSU room is located – use footprints/ arrows along the wall for the first week to guide students to the office

## **8. Academic Orientation**

- great way for AUSU to introduce themselves to the new students
- need to update a section for the presentation for new council
- Karen will e-mail dates of orientation to AUSU
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## **9. Additions**

-next meeting will be on May 6, 2008 @ 5:30

Ashleigh- Skills Conference- June 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in Mississauga

- everything is paid for
- Other Conferences- National General Meeting – May 21-25 in Ottawa- there is a delegate fee – only Ashleigh is required to attend
- United Students Against Sweat Shops (USASS)
- Provincial General Meeting – Aug 14 –17 –only Ashleigh required to attend

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